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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

The attached material is in response to your request about our reporting on whether Makarios was alive or dead. This is a matter that Admiral de Poix said Deputy Secretary Clements had raised on Friday. The memorandum and the attached quotes from the NIB, NID, and Situation Reports cover the matter completely.

Will you pass the material to Admiral de Poix or should I?

19 August 1974
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19 August 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Makarios Dead or Alive, As Reported
in CIA Publications

1. CIA publications never explicitly said Makarios was dead. The closest we came was in the NID dated July 15, which went to press at 0530, and the first situation report on July 15 (0800 EDT), which were little more than spot reports based on press accounts. In them we said Makarios reportedly was killed. Two hours later, in our second situation report, we noted that we were receiving conflicting reports about whether Makarios was really dead. The third situation report carried the same theme and the fourth, published at 1800 EDT, reported that Makarios was alive [redacted]. The July 16 NID reflected this new information, and the next issue reported that Makarios had safely left Cyprus.

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2. The NIB never reported Makarios as dead. His status had clarified enough to allow us to say that he was alive and in Paphos in the July 16 NIB, the first issue that covered the coup. Makarios' activities also were covered in the leads of the next three NIBs. Relevant excerpts from these publications are attached.

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EXCERPTS

NIBs

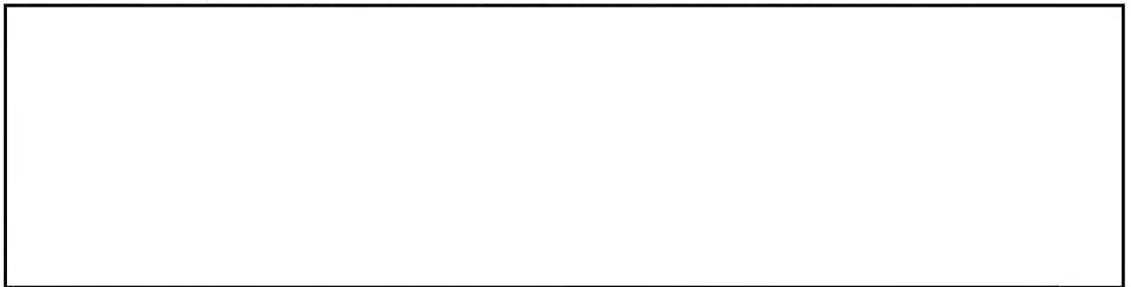
16 July lead: Athens' power grab in Cyprus apparently has failed to achieve its basic objective, the elimination of Archbishop Makarios. Reports indicate that the deposed President is in Paphos, in the southwestern sector of the island.

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17 July lead: Ousted president Makarios arrived in Malta yesterday and plans to fly on to London this morning, apparently en route to the UN. He left Cyprus from the British base area near Limassol.

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18 July lead: The political center of the crisis shifted to London yesterday as Turkish Prime Minister Ecevit--accompanied by his defense minister--and ousted president Makarios held separate talks with British leaders.

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16 July

Press agencies this morning reported that President Makarios had personally broadcast an appeal for Cypriot and international support over the Paphos radio station.

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The British government's announcement today that President Makarios had been assisted to leave Cyprus via the British base area near Limassol appeared to signal at least a military victory for the Greek-backed coup forces.

Deposed President Makarios has been variously reported en route to Malta, London, and UN Headquarters. Cypriot UN representative Rossides was quoted late today as saying he was "sure Makarios was in London" but was not certain about whether the Archbishop would continue on to New York.

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NIDs

15 July lead: President Makarios was reported dead this morning and his regime overthrown by the Cypriot National Guard, led by Greek officers. The presidential palace is in flames.

16 July lead: The Greek power grab in Cyprus apparently failed to achieve its basic objective, the elimination of President Makarios. A number of reports indicate the archbishop is in Paphos, in the western part of the island... Press sources tend to confirm earlier indications that Makarios is alive.

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A Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation station in Paphos late yesterday broadcast a short speech purportedly by the archbishop.

17 July lead: Makarios, who escaped from Cyprus with the aid of British forces on the island, plans to fly to London this morning.

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